

# Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday October 25, 2023

(Unapproved)

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Commissioners Present: Chairman James O'Connor, Deborah Davis, Dan Zapatka, Chuck Stackpole, Jack Pritchard, William Nicoletti and Stephen Bespuda Commissioners Absent: James Ronai

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked the members to introduce themselves.

#### 2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

There was no public dialogue at this time.

## 3. MINUTES – September 27, 2023

Mr. Bespuda made a motion to approve the September 28, 2023 Parks and Recreation minutes, seconded by Ms. Davis. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business at this time. Chairman O'Connor expressed his appreciation of Ms. Middleton and family for all of their hard work this summer.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Grounds and Facilities Mr. Bespuda
- Mr. Bespuda has visited Fred Wolfe Park and observed that the new playground is being well used.

# B. Personnel - Mr. O'Connor

• There was nothing to report at this time.

#### C. Budget

• There were no questions on the budget at this time. Mr. Lynch advised that the 2024 budget, along with the Capital items, will be submitted to the town. Included in the Capital projects is the request for repair of the outdoor basketball court. The screen protectors for the tennis courts will be installed next spring. Lastly, the ice rink is expected to be ordered next week.

## D. Director's Report

• Mr. Lynch read the Director's Report, the Aquatic Report, and the programs into the record. He highlighted the need for additional lifeguards, as there is a shortage.

# E. Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates

• Mr. Bespuda inquired about the elimination of the July/August meeting, but Mr. Lynch advised that these meetings are required by the Town charter.

Mr. Pritchard made a motion to approve the 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting dates as presented, seconded by Ms. Davis. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

# **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Mr. Stackpole inquired about the \$9k line item for Computer Maintenance and Mr. Lynch advised that this amount includes the new online registration. Chairman O'Connor was very impressed with the slow rollout of the new online registration system, which is being well used. He expressed his appreciation to the Town IT Department of all their support.
- Chairman O'Connor would like the presidents of the different sports organizations be invited to come to their meeting for their yearly updates. The Orange Little League will be invited to the November meeting and other organizations will follow. He also suggested that Mr. Small watch the lights at the Old Tavern Complex. He added that he wants the fields to get the rest that they require.

# 6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bespuda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Ms. Davis. All were in favor and the motion <u>PASSED</u>.

Respectfully Submitted, Deborah Satonick Recording Secretary